(e) the steps being taken to overcome such shortage of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government of Gujarat has reported that it has not taken up any water supply project through the private sector.

(c) Under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns of less than 20,000 population, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has so far released total Central assistance of Rs. 1094.82 lakhs to Govt. of Gujarat for 19 water supply schemes costing Rs. 2750.15 lakhs.

(d) Government of Gujarat has reported that drinking water was not supplied on ration card.

(e) Government of Gujarat has reported that the following steps have been taken to overcome the shortage of water:—

(i) Posing Rs. 392 crores drinking water scarcity master plan 2000-2001 covering 6545 villages, 68 towns and 5 Municipal Corporations to Government of India as temporary measure, which includes pumping from Sardar Sarovar Dam since February, 2001 to provide water through Mahi Emergency Pipe Line Project and accordingly 442 villages and 30 towns have been supplied with Saurashtra Mahi Pipe Line Project.

(ii) Water is collected in the Pariej tank in Kheda District through Narmada Canals (146 Kms) and Mahi Canals (110 Kms).

(iii) Water from the Pariej tank is pumped into the transmission mains having 690 kms. length to supply water to the urban and rural areas of Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Amreli, Rajkot and Junagadh districts.

(iv) From this system water is made available to 30 urban centres.

(v) Narmada water is also made available to 4 Municipal Corporations, viz Baroda, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar and Rajkot.

Handing over of Old Secretariat to Government

3031. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked the Government of NCT of Delhi to hand over Old Secretariat to Government;

(b) if so, the grounds and justification therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government of Delhi thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of shifting of offices of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, to its new premises in ITO area, the Govt. of NCT, Delhi has been asked to vacate and hand over the office space earlier held by these offices in Old Sectt. building excluding the space under occupation of Assembly and offices of Speaker and Dy. Speaker. Old Secretariat Building is a Central Government property and was allotted as General Pool Office accommodation to the then Union Territory of Delhi on adhoc basis.

(c) No reply has been received from the State Govt. till date.

Notification of amended building bye-laws

3032. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has notified the amended building bye-laws to be observed for safety norms;

(b) if so, whether this rule will only be applicable to Delhi Government or throughout the country;

(c) whether his Ministry has also set up a high level Committee to frame a comprehensive legislation for controlling activities of builders by regulating and licensing them; and

(d) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation had amended the building bye-laws for Delhi to introduce the safety norms in building construction.